

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

<b>In the Matter of</b>	)	
	)	
Appeal for denial of 2010 and 2011 funding by	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
USAC Schools and Libraries Division to the School	)	
District of La Crosse	)	

**—APPEAL—  
REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND WAIVER OF DECISION  
OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR**

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***Appellant:***

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***RE: Appeal for denial of 2010 and 2011 funding for the following funding request:***

**Funding Year – 2011**

**FRN: 2122408**  
**Form 470: 229750000873393**  
**Form 471: 784310**  
**Category of service: Telecommunications**  
**Service provider: CenturyLink    Spin# 143001801**

**FRN: 22122686**  
**Form 470: 474460000701014**  
**Form 471: 784597**  
**Category of service: Telecommunications**  
**Service provider: CenturyLink    Spin# 143001801**

**FRN: 2124695**  
**Form 470: 621210000873357**  
**Form 471: 785272**

Category of service: Telecommunications  
Service provider: AT&T Spin# 143001192

FRN: 2127268

Form 470: 983330000873347

Form 471: 786316

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: Maverick Media Spin# 143003091

FRN: 2124131

Form 470: 861700000873375

Form 471: 785061

Category of service: Internet Access

Service provider: WISCNET Spin# 143004351

FRN: 2126321

Form 470: 230320000873447

Form 471: 785960

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: US Cellular Spin# 143011191

#### Funding Year 2010

FRN: 1982228

Form 470: 453930000794948

Form 471: 732953

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: CenturyLink Spin# 143001801

FRN: 1985088

Form 470: 474460000701014

Form 471: 734328

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: CenturyLink Spin# 143001801

FRN: 1980147

Form 470: 806500000557857

Form 471: 731804

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: AT&T Spin# 143001192

FRN: 1982940

Form 470: 144860000795138

Form 471: 733239

Category of service: Telecommunications

Service provider: Maverick Media Spin# 143003091

FRN: 1986232  
Form 470: 721580000795222  
Form 471: 734548  
Category of service: Internet Service  
Service provider: WISCNET Spin# 143004351

FRN: 1985398  
Form 470: 725130000795029  
Form 471: 733580  
Category of service: Telecommunications  
Service provider: US Cellular Spin# 143011191

To Whom It May Concern:

The **La Crosse** School District is appealing the denial of 2010 and 2011 funding for the above referenced funding requests. The denial was in a funding commitment letter we received dated **December 7, 2011**.

***USAC reason for denying the funding request: Later Than; Requested Amount not Valid***

***District's rebuttal of USAC's reason for denying the request:***

The School District of La Crosse has experienced a major transition of staff that has resulted in the confusion over the filing of the 2010 final 472s and the filing of our 486s for 2011. A support staff member responsible for E-rate "retired" in May, 2011, and a new E-rate staff member was hired to complete these processes. In addition, we hired a new superintendent and associate superintendent in July, 2011, which added to our confusion.

The new E-rate staff member met the deadline of October 28, 2011. However, she filed the 486s (receipt of service for 2011) with the 2010 FRNs. She confused the process to file both the 472s (BEAR) for the rest of 2010 and the 486s for 2011. When she received denial of confirmation of the 486s the first time, she called USAC to attempt to clarify what to do and was told to resubmit, which she did. We were surprised and very disappointed to then get denial letters in December because we had followed USAC's instructions. Upon talking with Bob Bocher, state E-rate coordinator in the Department of Public Instruction, he recommended the district file the appeal.

We think it important to note that our School District has filed each year of the E-rate cycle in full compliance with program rules and in a timely fashion. Unfortunately when our veteran E-rate staff member retired, we had to quickly get another staff member "up to speed" on the program rules and unfortunately, some details were not properly addressed. We do hope that this matter can be resolved and that we are able to submit the 486s for 2011 and complete the 472 BEAR process for 2010.

We hope you will see to grant our request to waive the Commission's rules in this area and direct USAC to proceed with review of our funding request. There is a total of \$346,586.82 in discounts that are part of this appeal. At a time when we are subject to major reductions in state aid, we really need this funding. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions. (We have given Bob Bocher permission to file this appeal on our behalf.)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Harcey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Troy Harcey, Associate Superintendent